

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 is pending. Claim 1 has been amended and new claims 23-31 have been added.

Claim 1 stands rejected under statutory type double patenting (35 U.S.C. § 101) as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 in the parent U.S. Patent No. 6,624,761. Claim 1 has been amended and is no longer coextensive in scope with claim 1 in U.S. Patent No. 6,624,761. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Early and favorable consideration by the Examiner is respectfully urged. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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